

To the Honourable the Knights, Citizens, and Bur-
geses in Parliament Assembled.

The C A S E and humble Complaint of severall Hackney Coach-
men in and about the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, on the
behalf of themselves and severall others.

THAT your Complainants did humbly set forth their Case severall
times to this Honourable House, Complaining off the great Sufferings
they Sustained by the City of *London*.

THAT in the Last Poll Bill for carrying on a Vigorous Warr against
France: It was Enacted that every one of Us, should pay Five Pounds *per annum*.
quarterly towards the same.

THAT with all clearfullness imaginable we were ready and willing to pay
the same, supposing our selves thereby freed from the Oppression and Slavery of
the City of *London*; Notwithstanding which the late Lord Mayor Sr. *Thomas Stamp* and Court of Aldermen, did compell Us to take Lycences from them,
Exacting the Sum of 2*l*. 5*s*. from each of Us, which we not being able to pay
(or supposing it not to be our due to pay) about 120. of Us were Arrested in an
Action of Debt of 40*s*. in the Chamberlains Name, put to great Charge and
trouble: Also many of Us were Seiz'd in the Streets (with our Coaches) and
Caried before the Lord Mayor, bound over to the Sessions, Fined at their
pleasure and Committed to *Newgate*, and other Prisons for not paying the Same,
many of Us and our poor Families, thereby, utterly Ruined, and the Kings Tax
mighty impaired.

THAT Several of the Commissioners of the Poll Bill did Attend the said
late Lord Mayor herein, who promis'd to consider of it, But the Prosecution
still continued during his Time.

THAT Wee doe humbly Pray that such care may be taken herein that the
Kings Revenue may not be diminished, That the Hackney Coaches in and about
the Weekly Bills of Mortallity may be Regulated to a certain Number.

THAT the differences between the City of *London*, and Us, may be
determined.

THAT Tradesman and others not duly qualified may be prohibited from
keeping Hackney Coaches.

ALL which wee humbly Submit to this Honourable
House humbly praying that an Act of Parliament may
pass for the same.